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James Cagle, Risk Manager - EHS
Nu-West Industries, Inc.
Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations
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Soda Springs, Idaho 83276

Re: Discrete Interval Groundwater Sampling Approval
Administrative Order on Consent for Nu-West CPO Facility
EPA Docket No. RCRA-10-2009-0186

Dear Mr. Cagle:

The purpose of this letter is to approve the locations and methods for discrete interval groundwater sampling, as identified in the letter from WSP Environment & Energy dated September 27, 2011 that you forwarded to EPA. Thank you for providing that summary table to our office.

We offer one suggestion for the discrete interval sampling to be conducted at well MW05-5. To the extent possible that greater pumping rates can be achieved with the pump and packer configuration utilized, EPA recommends that they be attempted. The zone from 172 – 180 feet below top of casing produced greater than 0.5 gallons per minute during the stressed pumping test. EPA believes that a pumping rate of 0.5 gallons per minute should be attempted.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (206) 553-2964. Alternatively, you may reach me via email at: Magolske.Peter@epamail.epa.gov. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Magolske".

Peter Magolske
Air / RCRA Compliance Unit

cc: Brian Monson, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
P. Scott Burton, Esq. Hunton and Williams LLP